

15 June 1978

Memorandum for the Record

Subject: GP/GA Annual Wage Increases (1978)

1. Mr. Mac McGee, GPO labor relations, called me this morning to let me know about the issuance of GPO Notice 640-54, dated 15 June 1978, which contains the new wage rates (approx 5.5% increase) for certain groups of supervisors---Foremen, Asst Foremen, and Group and Asst Group Chiefs, except for Bindery Division (and offset copy, plate, & negative; and Chief, Electronic Systems). ~~Bindery supervisors were not included because mgmt decided to follow the old labor contract as to whom is "in" or "not in" the bargaining unit....those who are in are considered represented at wage conferences.~~ This results through some fluke of a 10-year outdated document which excluded bindery supervisors from being in the bargaining unit.

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2. Although this notice will include rates for journeymen, these rates are not firm rates but those proposed by the Public Printer to the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) and are currently being appealed by the unions. These rates have been shown only as a base from which supervisory uprates are determined. If the unions win the appeals, the supervisory rates will be adjusted accordingly.

3. Mr. McGee pointed out that the wording in the notice might lead one to believe that the formula of 105% above craft rates has been changed. Not so, he said, so disregard that part.

4. He was not sure how long it would take the JCP to rule on the Public Printer's proposed rates. Hopefully not as long as last year (June to August). His guess ~~was~~ was that it would be fairly soon since there is a lot of unrest in GPO over another year of piecemeal raises and retroactive pay. He also stated that the JCP is normally very reluctant to overrule the Public Printer, so the rates in this notice may well be the firm ones.

5. I informed the components having GP/GA employees (OLog/P&PD, NPIC,, OTS/GAD, and OGCR) of the above.

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Remarks:

FYI, my memo on the piecemeal raises and retroactive pay again for GP/GA employees.

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